

Abstract

An exemplary method for managing a network of nodes includes receiving information identifying the nodes of the network, and grouping the nodes into zones as a function of relationships among the nodes, such that each zone satisfies

5 a threshold that is based on an operational capacity of a discovery agent assigned to discover the network. An exemplary system for managing a network of nodes includes means or a mechanism for receiving information identifying the nodes of the network, and grouping the nodes into zones as a function of relationships among the nodes, such that each zone satisfies a threshold that is based on an

10 operational capacity of a discovery agent assigned to discover the network, and means or a mechanism for connecting to the network.